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Congressman Mark Kennedy 1415 Longworth Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kennedy:

Thank you for coming to our Community to present your proposed transportation legislation entitled "FAST Act". As an individual I was very impressed with your proposal; in particular with the portion that provides for user fees dedicated to previously defined interstate corridors.

As you know, transportation is a subject that gets a great deal of discussion; but funding always lags far behind; and the situation is worsening all the time. Your proposed legislation of user fees is one more tool that could be made available for States to address congestion on our interstate system.

I have asked William Hansen, Executive Director of the St Cloud Area Planning Organization to prepare a resolution in support of your proposed legislation for consideration by both our Executive Board on May 8, 2003 and our Policy Board on May 22, 2003. While not speaking for the APO at this time, I will be encouraging the passage of a resolution supporting your proposed legislation at these two meetings.

Sincerely yours,

DeWayne F. Mareck, Chair

St Cloud Area Planning Organization